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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) A word prediction method, said method comprising the steps of:

specifying a sentence structure consisting of multiple words, including a target word to be predicted;

employing said sentence structure to select a word and/or a word sequence that has a modification relationship with said target word to be predicted; and

predicting said target word based on said word and/or said word sequence that is selected.

2. (Original) The word prediction method according to claim 1, wherein said word and/or said word sequence constitute a partial analysis tree structure in said sentence structure.

3. (Original) The word prediction method according to claim 1, wherein, when multiple words and/or word sequences are selected, word prediction is performed based on said words and/or word sequences that are selected.

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4. (Original) A word prediction method, said method comprising the steps of:

specifying a modification of a word to be predicted by a different word and/or word sequence; and

prediction said word using said different word and/or word sequence that is specified.

5. (Original) The word prediction method according to claim 4, wherein said modification includes a modification direction, and said word to be predicted modifies a prior word.

6. (Original) The word prediction method according to claim 4, wherein, when multiple modifications are established between said word to be predicted and said different word and/or word sequence, a word is predicted for each of said modifications.

7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Original) A word prediction apparatus comprising:

a storer which stores a dictionary wherein text data that have been learned is written; and

a predictor which employs a structure of a sentence consisting of multiple words, including a word to be predicted, to select a word and/or a word

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sequence that has a modification relationship with said word to be predicted, and which predicts said word based on said word and/or said word sequence that is selected.

9. **(Original)** A word prediction apparatus comprising:

a storer which stores a dictionary wherein text data that have been learned is written; and

a predictor which selects a word and/or a word sequence that has a modification relationship with a word to be predicted, and which predicts said word based on said word and/or said word sequence that is selected.

10. **(Original)** The word prediction apparatus according to claim 9, wherein, for a predetermined word or word sequence based on said text data, a frequency where at another predetermined word appears is stored in said dictionary.

11. **(Original)** The word prediction apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said predictor calculates a probability value for a word sequence including a word that is predicted based on said frequency.

12. **(Original)** The word prediction apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said predictor selects, as a prediction result, a word sequence having the maximum probability value.

13. **(Withdrawn)**

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14. **(Original)** A computer system comprising:

a specifier which specifies a modification relationship between a word to be predicted and another word and/or word sequence, and which predicts said word by employing said word and/or word sequence modifying said word; and

a display which displays said word that is predicted, and said modification relationship.

15. **(Original)** A storage medium, on which a computer readable program is stored that permits a computer to perform:

a first process for specifying a sentence structure consisting of multiple words, including a target word to be predicted;

a second process for employing said sentence structure to select a word and/or a word sequence that has a modification relationship with said target word to be predicted; and

a third process for predicting said target word based on said word and/or said word sequence that is selected.

16. **(Original)** A storage medium, on which a computer readable program is stored, that permits a computer to perform:

a first process for specifying a modification relationship between a word to be predicted and a different word and/or word sequence; and

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a second process for predicting said word using said different word

and/or word sequence that is specified.

17. **(Original)** A program transmission apparatus comprising:

a storer which stores a program permitting a computer to perform

a first process for specifying a sentence structure of a multiple

word sentence, including a target word to be predicted,

a second process for employing said sentence structure to select a

word and/or a word sequence that has a modification relationship with

said target word to be predicted, and

a third process for predicting said target word based on said word

and/or said word sequence that is selected; and

a transmitter which reads said program from said storer and transmits

said program.

18. **(Original)** A program transmission apparatus comprising:

a storer which stores a program permitting a computer to perform

a first process for specifying a modification relationship between

a word to be predicted and a different word and/or word sequence, and

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a second process for predicting said word using said different

word and/or word sequence that is specified; and

a transmitter which reads said program from said storer and transmits

said program.

19. (Original) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly

embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps

for word prediction, said method comprising the steps of:

specifying a sentence structure consisting of multiple words, including a

target word to be predicted;

employing said sentence structure to select a word and/or a word

sequence that has a modification relationship with said target word to be predicted; and

predicting said target word based on said word and/or said word

sequence that is selected.

20. (Original) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly

embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps

for word prediction, said method comprising the steps of:

specifying a modification of a word to be predicted by a different word

and/or word sequence; and

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prediction said word using said different word and/or word sequence that

is specified.

21. (Withdrawn)

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